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From the office of Chairman Doug Little

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**Arizona Corporation Commission** 

1200 W. WASHINGTON PHOENIX, ARIZONA (602) 542-0745

TO:

**Docket Control** 

DATE:

July 15, 2016

FROM:

Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT:

UNS E-04204A-15-0142

Chairman Little's office received 18 emails referencing, and in opposition of, the above docket number. The emails can be viewed via the Docket link on the website, or in Docket.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From:

Sharlene Applehans <Sharapple@ive.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 10, 2016 11:35 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

We are on fixed income and any increase in our electric woud be a hardship on us!

Sincerely,

Sharlene Applehans

2315 E Devlin Ave Kingman, AZ 86409

928-757-5645

From:

Judith Crim <drpepperjc@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 10, 2016 5:34 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

These people want to rob us, they are already charging us a fortune that we can't afford.

Sincerely,

Judith Crim

13249 West Keystone Drive

623-748-9745

From: thomas stempel <stempelazbusiness@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2016 9:57 PM

To: Little-Web

**Subject:** I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Help us move into the future with renewables. Don't keep us mired in the past.

Sincerely,

thomas stempel

3001 E Clarendon Ave Phoenix, AZ 85016

From:

Stephanie Bader <sbader0826@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 11, 2016 6:16 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Dear Corp. Comm.

Demand charges are a slap in the face to us the consumers, but more so to the people of this country who are dedicated to moving toward renewable energy. The president has mandated 50% renewable - this takes us in the other direction. Get out of the 19th century and help us move forward, not backward! The most likely reason for voting otherwise is that the utilities are paying you more than the citizens. Really???!!!!!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bader

11381 E Calle del Rincon Tucson, AZ 85749

520-749-3143

From:

Karl Brown < risherlhc@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, July 10, 2016 7:23 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Please Stop these utility companys from stopping solar energy. Solar is the future and Arizone should be number in solar in this country with all of the sun that we are blessed with. I wish that it was more affordable. Thanks

Sincerely,

Karl Brown

PO Box 0824 2900 S Mingus Mtn Ln Humboldt, AZ 86329

From:

Laurie Schaefer < Laurieroseri@gmsil.com>

Sent:

Saturday, July 09, 2016 4:40 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

I want the ability to go solar.

Sincerely,

Laurie Schaefer

25641 n fernbush dr Phoenix, AZ 85083

From:

Joe Fleischmann < Jflash1@verizon.net>

Sent:

Friday, July 08, 2016 10:31 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Dear Commission members,

The necessity of affordable utility rates in Arizona are more than simple convince. It is truly a matter of life and death, to the elderly residents in this retirement community. When temperatures commonly reach over 110 and often even higher than 120, air conditioning is not a convince it is a necessity. Fixed incomes, high fees and electric rates can quickly deplete a monthly budget, especially in a community with all electric appliances. Adding solar, even small affordable systems to help offset high electric costs. Adding demand charges, peak use rate increases and more fees easily decimate people's ability to survive on fixed budgets. I ask that you do the right thing and carefully look through the fog created by UNS/TPS and deny their price gouging scheme to raise rates and eliminate solar.

Sincerely,

Joe Fleischmann

2635 San Juan Drive Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

From:

Vickey Scott <sac916520@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, July 08, 2016 12:11 PM

To:

Subject:

TEP PROPOSED RATE INCREASES UNS - E-04204A-15-0142

I urge you to oppose TEP rate increases. The one for solar and the worse one, which is very unfair, is to base homeowner rates on one day of the year high usage.

As we have exceptionally high rates in the summer due to the heat, the difference in our bills could make them higher than most of us can afford and bring exceptional hardship. We simply cannot live here without air conditioning and I already have mine set at 88 degrees during the day and 85 degrees at night. On averaging, I pay over \$180 for six or more and \$120 for less than six months for this year.

I am disabled and make a bit too much for assistance.

Vickey L. Scott

From:

Monday, July 11, 2016 9:02 PM

Sent:

Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web To:

Brian Jones <wolfsoul121@gmail.com>

Comments on solar rate hikes E - 04204.A - 15 - 0.142Subject:

#### Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing about the latest round in the series of attacks on Arizona's residential solar owners. I just read that TEP (and perhaps other utilities) want to double the monthly fee that I pay as a residential solar customer. When I purchased my solar panels, the monthly fee was about \$7.50. It is now \$15. If TEP gets it's way, it will become \$30. My average monthly electric bill before buying my solar panels was \$91. If TEP gets it's way, I will be giving them 30% of my pre-solar bill despite the fact that over the life of my solar panels, I have given TEP 15% more energy than I have used. So I give them 15% of the energy my panels produce, and I'm going to have to pay them \$30 a month for that privilege? That is downright ludicrous. I fully understand that there are grid maintenance costs, and I'm happy to pay those costs, but I cannot believe that 30% of my former electric bill went towards grid maintenance. Moreover, when I am using the power that my solar panels generate, I am not using the grid at all, so I actually use the grid less than non-solar customers.

While I love the environmental benefits of going solar, I am not a rich person, and could not have purchased a solar system based solely on my desire to be a good citizen and make Arizona a cleaner place. I bought it based on it being an investment that would pay for itself in time and provide a long term financial benefit. Allowing utility companies to continually raise rates without any real justification puts folks like myself in a real bind.

As a member of the Corporation Commission, please demand that the utility companies provide the public with third party verified costs for grid maintenance. If they say I should be paying more for grid maintenance, they need to prove what it actually costs them. More specifically, they need to prove how much my use of the grid costs them.

Another question I have is this. If my fee has doubled already, and might double again, how has the rate for non-solar customers changed? Have their fees doubled? Will they be doubled again with the new proposal? It appears that the customer delivery charge for non-solar customers ranges from \$10.00-16.50 per month. That's for folks who are totally reliant on all their energy being transmitted through the grid. I pay nearly the maximum. Will everyone's customer delivery charges go up the same amount? If not, then the new fee unfairly targets solar customers, a group of folks that I will remind you were actively sought after and incentivized to meet renewable energy mix requirements. Now that we've gotten them to their goal, and with no financially viable way of backing out, they are turning the thumbscrews on us.

Each time they come to you with a scheme like this, I urge you to ask utility companies hard questions about the true cost of grid maintenance and ensure that those costs are fairly distributed among all customers. Please reject the latest proposal until the public can see what those numbers are, and only allow fee increases based on those numbers.

I grow weary of the constant attacks on the very solar customers that were courted and incentivized just a few short years ago, but I will not stop fighting. It has become ridiculous. If Arizona wants to grow it's economy in the modern world, it had better get back to promoting solar instead of attacking it, or we're going to get left behind in the energy sector.

Regards,

Brian Jones Tucson

From:

Timothy Gleason < timdebaz@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 2:04 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Stop taking our solar option from us as Arizona citizens.

Sincerely,

**Timothy Gleason** 

43148 N. Outer Bank Dr Anthem, AZ 85086

From:

Lee Browning <leexbrowning@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 11, 2016 6:31 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

I'm outraged that voters do not have a say in this proposal! If this moves forward it will wipe out the solar industry in AZ along with much needed jobs and AZ residents will again be victims to not being able to have a choice in how they manage their electricity charges!

Sincerely,

Lee Browning

4404 S. Salvia Dr Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

From:

Eric Jennings < Ericjennings 54@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 8:55 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

The energy grid is evolving. No penalties for those who move away from more primitive energy like fossil fuels. The time has come to release those sources of energy now understood to be killing our planet. No penalties for those who use solar or wind. Period.

Sincerely,

Eric Jennings

60 s. Campfire circle Cottonwood, 86326

From:

Peter Mordigan <pmordigan@netscape.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 5:43 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

UNS as well as other utilities that serve the public are doing a great disservice by coming up with complicated rate structures. Bill me for how much power I use, not when I use it. If they cannot run their business properly then have them get new people.

Sincerely,

Peter Mordigan

3110 Caliente Dr Lake Havasu City, 86404

From:

Rosie Teetor <rosieteetor13@msn.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 14, 2016 9:43 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Please stop the solar disincentives!!

Sincerely,

**Rosie Teetor** 

3120 E Cardenas Drive Vail, AZ 85641

From:

Jean Schroeder < jeans@theriver.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 14, 2016 10:26 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

I am speaking out to protect my ability to control my electricity bill and to choose solar. Arizona utilities' latest proposals threaten the future of solar and jobs in the state with unprecedented "demand charges" and the elimination of the fundamental solar policy, net metering.

Sincerely,

Jean Schroeder

11511 E. Twin Hills Trail Tucson, 85748

520-298-6506

From:

Nicholas Acciardo < nacciardo@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 14, 2016 11:34 AM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Stop Killing your Arizona Residents!!!

Vote for reasonable measures which will protect the lives and futures of our children, not your pockets!

Remember...you work (?) for us !!!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Acciardo

11243 So. Santa Margarita Lane Goodyear, AZ 85338

602-205-4451

From:

John Schwartz <skibum1\_99@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 14, 2016 2:47 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Solar power should be allowed to interact with public utilities which have received taxpayer support.

Sincerely,

John Schwartz

6104 E Barney Dr Flagstaff, 86004-7180

From:

Timothy Gleason < timdebaz@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 14, 2016 7:07 PM

To:

Little-Web

Subject:

I oppose UNS's proposal, regarding Docket# E-04204A-15-0142

Dear Chairman Little,

Stop trying to prevent us from saving money by adding ridiculous fees for solar usage to utility company bills. Maybe they should invest in solar!

Sincerely,

**Timothy Gleason** 

43148 N. Outer Bank Dr Anthem, AZ 85086